

invention over the art of record. Thus, the outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the Amendment filed February 24, 2000 and the following remarks.

The present invention provides a unique and useful dolly arrangement including a first platform, a second platform and a lever portion, whereby the lever portion permits the dolly to efficiently and effectively moved between a first (rest) position and a second (lift) position. The first and second platforms are pivotally connected to the stand. The dolly arrangement also includes a coupling means for locking the first and second platforms in the second (lift) position.

With respect to claim 22, the claimed invention includes a recitation that the lever portion is "rigidly fixed against rotational and translational movement with respect to the first platform". Winkler et al. '850 and Litsey '692 fail to disclose first and second platforms pivotally connected to a stand or a lever portion "extending across and overlying" the pivot point disposed on the second platform. Heizer, Jr. '933 fails to teach the structure of claim 22, for example, Heizer, Jr. '933 fails to teach or render obvious the lever portion that is fixed against rotational and translational movement. Lever arm 48 of Heizer, Jr. is "loosely connected ... to allow relative horizontal and vertical rotational movement ...".

With respect to claims 23-25, the claimed invention further includes rigid elongated members and at least one transverse pivot member extending therebetween, whereby the transverse pivot member defined the pivot point for the lever portion.

None of the prior art teaches or suggests the limitations of claims 23-25. Winkler et al. '850 teaches platform sections 11, 12, but these platforms do not possess the rigid

elongated members or transverse member set forth in the claimed invention. Litsey '692 (dated 1903) teaches a system remove school decks, whereby trucks C include hooks f' that latch onto apertures g' of the base bars g. Litsey '692 teaches platform sections 11, 12, but these platforms do not possess the rigid elongated members or transverse member set forth in the claimed invention. Heizer, Jr. '933 teaches platform-like members, but these members do not possess the rigid elongated members or transverse member set forth in the claimed invention.

With respect to claim 27, the claimed invention recites a dolly including a first and second platforms each having a "pair of rigid elongated members" and a "bracket member independently attached" to portions of the stand. None of the prior art teaches or suggests the limitations of claims 23-25.

With respect to claims 28-30, the claimed invention further describes the connection systems between the bracket and the stand. The combination of features is lacking in the prior art.

With respect to claims 32-41, the claimed invention further describes the structural arrangement of the platforms for the dolly arrangement. The combination of features is lacking in the prior art.

With respect to claim 42, the claimed invention recites a dolly including, among other elements, a first platform having a "first pair of rigid elongated members, a first rigid cross member extending" therebetween, and a "first wheel system extending downwardly therefrom". Further, the dolly of claim 42 includes, among other elements, a

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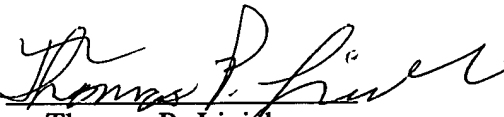
second platform having a "second pair of elongated members and a second wheel system extending downwardly therefrom". The combination of features is lacking in the prior art.

With respect to claims 43-52, the claimed invention recites further recites limitations describing the structural and layout of the first and second platforms, and these features are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Accordingly withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define the invention over the prior art of record and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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